<u>REMARKS</u>

Reconsideration and allowance of this application are respectfully requested in light of the above amendments and the following remarks.

Claims 1, 9, and 17 have been amended, and claims 25-27 have been newly added. Support for the amendments is provided in Figs. 7 and 8.

Claims 1-24 were rejected, under 35 USC §103(a), as being unpatentable over Cartsonis et al. (US 6,584,501) in view of Ludwig et al. (US 6,351,762). To the extent these rejections may be deemed applicable to the amended claims, the Applicants respectfully traverse based on the points set forth below. (References herein to the specification and drawings are for illustrative purposes only and are not intended to limit the scope of the invention to the referenced embodiments.)

Claim 1 now defines a network monitoring system that monitors communication between a client and server and displays the type of operating system employed by the client, the type of operating system employed by the server, an account name of a user accessing the client, and an icon representing the account name. In an exemplary, but non-limiting, embodiment of the claimed subject matter illustrated by Applicants' Fig. 7, the operating system of a client (e.g., 2000 PRO), the operating system of a server (e.g., 2000 SVR), an account name of a user accessing the client (e.g., Kawasaki), and an icon representing the account name are displayed with information of an operational action involving the client and server (see specification page 20, line 7, through page 21, line 10). Thus, the claimed subject matter provides a highly intuitive identification of a client and server and the operation in which they are engaged and an icon representing a particular user's interaction with the client and server.

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It is submitted that neither Cartsonis nor Ludwig disclose the newly added features. Instead, Cartsonis discloses, in Figs. 2-6, displaying an identification of a network action, the associated client and server, and the number of bytes and frames associated with the action. Cartsonis does not disclose displaying the type of operating system employed by the client, the type of operating system employed by the server, an account name of a user accessing the client, and an icon representing the account name. Ludwig is cited solely for displaying a sequence of information using the same time intervals in which the sequence occurred (see Office Action page 4, penultimate paragraph) and does not supplement the teachings of Cartsonis with respect to the above-mentioned features added to claim 1.

Accordingly, the Applicants submit that Cartsonis and Ludwig, considered individually or in combination, do not render obvious the subject matter now defined by claim 1. Independent claims 9 and 17 now similarly recite the above-mentioned features distinguishing apparatus claim 1 from Cartsonis and Ludwig, but with respect to a method in the case of claim 9 and a program stored on a computer readable medium in the case of claim 17. Therefore, allowance of claims 1, 9, and 17 and all claims dependent therefrom is warranted.

New claims 25-27 depend from base claims 1, 9, and 17, respectively, and further recite displaying a graphical representation of a communication connection between a client and server, as illustrated in an exemplary, though non-limiting, embodiment of the invention illustrated by Applicants' Fig. 8. Cartsonis and Ludwig do not disclose displaying a graphical representation of a communication connection between a client and server. Therefore, allowance of claims 25-27 is warranted for this independent reason.

In view of the above, it is submitted that this application is in condition for allowance and a notice to that effect is respectfully solicited.

If any issues remain which may best be resolved through a telephone communication, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned at the local Washington, D.C. telephone number listed below.

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